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Man Charged with Soliciting Sexual Pictures from Young Girl

A 71-year-old Pacific Palisades man was charged today with asking a 9-year-old girl to send him sexually suggestive pictures, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Brunson of the Cyber Crime Division said Bruce Martin Hensel (dob 5/12/48) faces one felony count of contact with minor for sexual purposes.

Arraignment will be scheduled at a later date.

Hensel, a doctor, is charged with requesting the images from the daughter of an acquaintance through a messaging app on or about Aug. 4, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, Hensel faces a possible maximum sentence of 18 months in state prison.

Case BA482562 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Juvenile Division Internet Crimes Against Children Regional Task Force.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.